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PART I

(1) PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS IN 1972:

READING ACROSS - PRODUCTION DATA - OIL (CONDENSATE) MILLIONS

42 - GAL BARRELS- AND NATURAL GAS MILLIONS CUBIC FEET

ONSHORE (KAPUNI	1.12	14,610
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OFFSHORE	NIL	NIL
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(2) CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION THROUGH DEC 31, 1972:

ONSHORE (INITIAL YEAR

OF PRODUCTION	1970	0.46	6,766
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1971	0.80	10,626
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1972	1.12	14,610
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2.38	32,002
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(3) PROVED RECOVERABLE RESERVES

OF OIL AND GAS AS OF DEC.31, 1972:

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ONSHORE 29 600,000#

BASED ON ORIGINAL RECOVERABLE RESERVES OF 460 MILLION
BTU OF 725 /CUBIC FOOT GAS

(4) ESTIMATED TOTAL RECOVERABLE
RESOURCES INCLUDING UNPROVED
RESOURCES:

ONSHORE	N/A	N/A
OFFSHORE	N/A	N/A

(5) TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED
IN 1972:

ONSHORE- EXPLORATOY	11
ONSHORE-FIELD DEVELOPMENT	NONE
OFFSHORE EXPLORATOY	NONE
ONSHORE -FIELD DVELOPMENT	NONE

(6) TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS PRODUCING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1972:
ONSHORE (GAS AND OIL) 4

NOTE TO ABOVE : N/A NOT APPLICABLE IN NEW ZEALAND

(7) LICENSES OR CONCESSIONS FOR OIL AND GAS
EXPLOTATION IN EFFECT ON DEC. 31, 1972:

TOTAL NUMBER 240 (211 LAND AND TERRITORIAL
SEA; 29 CONTINENTAL SHELF)

WHOLLY OR IN PART BEYOND 200 METER

WATER DEPTH 7

(8) DATE ON AMOUNT EXPENDED ON EXPLORATION AND
EXPLOITATION IN EW ZEALAND IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM
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GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND THE COMPANIES ENGAGED IN SUCH
ACTIVITIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.
THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT IS TO "BUY IN" ON A SHARE OF
PAST EXPLOITATION CONDUCTED BY THE SHELL, BP, TODD,
CONSORTIUM. THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS NZ\$30 MILLION. SEE
WELLINGTON'S A-106 , MAY 29, 1973.

(9) IMPORTS DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972:

PETROLEUM-CRUDE (METRIC TONS)	1,052,745
PETROLEUM-PARTLY REFINED (METRIC TONS)	370,233
MOTOR SPIRIT (42-GAL BARRELS)	810,694
KEROSENE- INCLUDING JET FUEL AND WHITE SPIRIT (42- GAL BARRELS)	733,700
DISTILLATE FUELS (42- GAL BARRELS)	667,629
LUBRICATING OIL AND GREASES, INCLUDING MISTURES WITH ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE LUBRICANTS (42-GAL BARRELS)	183,052
GREASES-SOLID LUBRICANTS (METRIC TONS)	261.1
OTHER KINDS OF GREASES AND SOLID LUBRICANTS (42- GAL BARRELS)	421

(9) IMPORTS DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972: (CONT'D)

PARAFFIN WAX, ETC. (METRIC TONS)	192.5
BY PRODUCTS - NON LUBRICATING OILS WITH 70 PERCENT OR MORE PETROLEUM SHARE OILS (42- GAL BARRELS)	38,453
PITCH BROM TARS (METRIC TONS)	262.1
PETROLEUM COKE (METRIC TONS)	2039
PETROLEUM BITUMEN AND OTHER PETROLEUM AND SHARE OIL RESIDUES (METRIC TONS)	3032.9
NATURAL GAS	NIL
EXPORTS DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972:	
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	NIL
NATURAL GAS	NIL

PART II

THERE HAVE BEEN FEW OFFSHORE INVESTIGATIONS FOR
MINERALS IN NEW ZEALAND AND NONE HAVE BEEN DETAILED
ENOUGH TO ALLOW AN ESTIMATE OF RESERVES.

ALONG THE WEST COAST OF THE NORTH ISLAND ROUGHLY
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BETWEEN LATITUDES 36 DEGREES - 40 DEGREES A POTENTIAL RESOURCE OF
OVER 500 MILLION TONS OF TITANOMAGNETITE CONCENTRATE
ASSAYING 55 -56 PERCENT FE, 7-9 PERCENT T I O₂ AND 0.36
PERCENT - 0.4 PERCENT V O
IS AVAILABLE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT OFFSHORE RESERVES
EXIST BUT THEIR POTENTIAL HAS NOT BEEN TESTED.

SIMILARLY, PROBABLY WELL OVER 1,000 MILLION TONS OF
DREDGEABLE ILMENITE -BEARING BEACHSANDS EXIST ON THE
WEST COAST OF THE SOUTH ISLAND BETWEEN LATITUDES
41 DEGREE AND 44 DEGREE. LARGE OFFSHORE DEPOSITS OF ILMENITE
PROBABLY EXIST BUT THEY ARE UNPROVEN.

OFFSHORE GOLD PLACERS COULD WELL EXIST BUT INVESTIGATIONS
HAVE BEEN VERY LIMITED.

OFFSHORE PHOSPHORITE NODULES HAVE RECEIVED SOME
ATTENTION ON THE CHATHAM RISE BETWEEN CHATHAM ISLAND
AND THE BANKS PENINSULA. THESE DO NOT FALL INTO THE
CATEGORY OF HIGH SPECIFIC GRAVITY PLACER DEPOSITS.
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